

HOUSE RESOLUTION 59

By Parkinson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary Kennedy.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mary Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kennedy was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on July 31, 1914, to proud parents Bishop Hosley and Lola Brown, Mary Kennedy was the daughter of a sharecropper; and

WHEREAS, beloved by her extensive family and friends, Mary Kennedy was affectionately known as "Aunt Sister" and was a missionary for the Church of God in Christ, a seamstress, and a piano player; and

WHEREAS, during her lifetime, Mary Kennedy saw and drove the Model T Ford automobile, experienced the civil rights movement, and influenced many with her wisdom and love as she taught people about the Bible and cared for them as needed; and

WHEREAS, a devoted mother to her biological daughter, Mary Kennedy also mothered many other children, sharing her life motto to love everybody and keep moving forward; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kennedy leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory

of Mary Kennedy, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mary Kennedy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.